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FUNDRAISING FOR JUDICIAL RUN-OFF ELECTIONS

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Executive Director David J. Sachar announces the following concerning relevant dates for the upcoming 2020 nonpartisan judicial elections.

Candidates who advance to a run-off election should be aware that there is a break in time when fundraising is allowed under the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Candidates in a run-off shall not raise money or accept contributions from March 4, 2020, until May 6, 2020. Fundraising for run-off elections is allowed from May 7, 2020, until 45 days after the election on November 3, 2020.

Candidates who win or lose on March 3, 2020, (i.e. become judge-elect or are eliminated from the race) may raise money for an additional 45 days ending on April 17, 2020.

The following dates have been calculated to apply to judicial candidates in the 2020 election cycle:

Election date: March 3, 2020

45 days after the election: April 17, 2020

Judicial run-off election date: November 3, 2020 180 days before the run-off election date: May 7, 2020 45 days after the run-off election date: December 18, 2020

All candidates for judicial office should review the Code of Judicial Conduct and encourage those working on their campaign to do the same. See Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 4.4 (B)(2).

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